

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 191

By Haston

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Scotts Hill Middle School girls' basketball team on an exceptional season.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those successful athletic teams who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such team is the Scotts Hill Middle School Lady Lions basketball team, whose members and coaches proved themselves worthy of praise and admiration by virtue of their undefeated season on the court this year; and

WHEREAS, former champions of the Tops 'N Tennessee (TNT) State Invitational Tournament, the Lady Lions executed their first undefeated regular season this year and became the Henderson County Tournament Champions; and

WHEREAS, after their acceptance into the James C. Haile Tournament, the longest-running middle school tournament in Tennessee, the Lady Lions defeated the teams from Allons Elementary School and Hermitage Springs School to advance to the championship game; and

WHEREAS, taking on York Institute in the final game, the Lady Lions of Scotts Hill showcased their tenacious defense and tremendous offensive skills to claim a 33-21 victory and capture their first-ever James C. Haile state title; and

WHEREAS, the members of this formidable team at Scotts Hill Middle School include Heather Bartholomew, Jaden Scates, Haven Brawley, Carly Allen, Lacie Stricklin, Mallory Puckett, Mollie Puckett, Chloe Scott, Cristina Davis, Jordan Hampton, Lacie Dunavant, Jerica Smiley, Jerzee Woodham, Kelcey Roach, Julie Hampton, Holly Bartholomew, Anna Beecham, and manager Kylee Blankenship; and

WHEREAS, this championship team enjoyed the exemplary guidance and expertise of their head coach, Eric Hampton, and their assistant coach, Leslie Bartholomew; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lady Lions epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible two tournament championships but surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Scotts Hill Middle School Lady Lions for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the athletes of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the members and coaches of the Scotts Hill Middle School Lady Lions basketball team upon their record-breaking season and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.